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For: NEW SEQUENCES OF HEPATITIS C VIRUS GENOTYPES AND THEIR USE AS  
PROPHYLACTIC, THERAPEUTIC AND DIAGNOSTIC AGENTS

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

Responsive to the Office Action dated August 25, 2004, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are requested; the period for response having been extended up to and including Monday, December 27, 2004, by submission of the requisite petition and fee, attached.